

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood  
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**23rd June 2024: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)**

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**Services for the forthcoming week**

Saturday 22nd June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Delia Gladden RIP
Sunday 23rd June	12th Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Nikolin Perlala & family (Int)
		10am (St T)	Annie Crossan RIP
		Noon (St T)	James Quirke RIP (BDay)
Monday 24th June	St John the Baptist	9.15am (St T)	David Forson & Family (Int)
Tuesday 25th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Tony McHugh RIP
Wednesday 26th June	No Mass		
Thursday 27th June	St John Southworth	9.15am (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Friday 21st June	St Irenaeus	9.15am (St T)	Katie & Michael Burke RIP (Ann)
Saturday 22nd June	Vigil: SS Peter & Paul	6pm (SSJFTM)	Reynalde Macayan RIP (Ann)

**Confessions Saturday 11am-11.40am St T & 5pm-5.40pm SSJFTM**

**Liturgy of the Word - 12th Sunday**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O give thanks to the Lord for his love endures for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Next Sunday Reads:** Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 33:2-9 Rv5, 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18, Matthew 16:13-19

*Fr Jude writes: "Pray with your heart, not your voice"*

I found this masterpiece on prayer entitled: "Let your prayer come from a humble heart" from a " treatise on the Lord's Prayer by Saint Cyprian, bishop and martyr of the 3rd century, very inspiring:

When we pray, our words should be calm, modest and disciplined. Let us reflect that we are standing before God. We should please him both by our bodily posture and the manner of our speech. It is characteristic of the vulgar to shout and make a noise, not those who are modest. On the contrary, they should employ a quiet tone in their prayer. Moreover, in the course of this teaching, the Lord instructed us to pray in secret. Hidden and secluded places, even our own rooms, give witness to our belief that God is present everywhere; that he sees and hears all; that in the fullness of his majesty, he penetrates hidden and secret places.

The same modesty and discipline should characterize our liturgical prayer as well. When we gather to celebrate the divine mysteries with God's priest, we should not express our prayer in unruly words; the petition that should be made to God with moderation is not to be shouted out noisily and verbosely. For God hears our heart not our voice. He sees our thoughts; he is not to be shouted at.

Anna maintained this rule; in her observance of it she is an image of the Church. In the First Book of Kings we are told that she prayed quietly and modestly to God in the recesses of her heart. Her prayer was secret but her faith was evident. She did not pray with her voice, but with her heart, for she knew that in this way the Lord would hear her. She prayed with faith and obtained what she sought. Scripture makes this clear in the words: She was speaking in her heart; her lips were moving but her voice could not be heard; and the Lord heard her prayer.

My friends, anyone who worships should remember the way in which the tax-collector prayed in the temple alongside the Pharisee. He did not raise his eyes immodestly to heaven or lift up his hands arrogantly. Instead he struck his breast and confessing the sins hidden within his heart he implored the assistance of God's mercy. While the Pharisee was pleased with himself, the tax-collector deserved to be cleansed much more because of the manner in which he prayed. For he did not place his hope of salvation in the certainty of his own innocence; indeed, no one is innocent. Rather he prayed humbly, confessing his sins. And the Lord who forgives the lowly, heard his prayer"

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

Loose Plate £1140.36

Envelopes £377

Contactless £ 657

Total for weekends 9th & 16th June, £2,174.36



If you would prefer to give your offertory by contactless and you can't get to the machine, please use the QR code here which is for St Teresa's.

SVP Borehamwood needs your help.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/saintvincentdepaul-borehamwood?utm\\_term=qyz3yZBdm](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/saintvincentdepaul-borehamwood?utm_term=qyz3yZBdm) Help raise £1000 to support vulnerable families who are sleeping on the floor with a blanket, and have no cooker for a hot meal. They desperately need help. We are raising money to support vulnerable families who are sleeping on the floor with a blanket and have no cooker for a hot meal. They desperately need help. Support this JustGiving Crowdfunding Page.



**BAPTISMS: We welcome Roman who is being baptised this week.** Our baptisms usually take place on a Saturday around midday, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. **If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact the parish office for a form as website forms are not working at the moment . You will also need to complete a Baptism Preparation Course, this are held on the first Saturday of every month at St Teresa's Church;** -please register with the Parish Office beforehand **.Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**

## CATECHETICAL PROGRAMES 2024-25

### FORMS OUT THIS WEEKEND

YOU MUST REGISTER TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION & MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO NOT MISS OUT



For FHC, Confirmation & RCIA, We are using paper forms this year so please complete legibly and return to the Parish Office. Please note that Adult Confirmation is part of the RCIA Programme this year.



The Funeral of **Tony McHugh** will take place at St Teresa's on **Friday 5th July at 11.30am** followed by Burial at Allum Lane. Our thoughts are with his family, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Fr Jude will be visiting our housebound parishioners on Tuesdays from now on. If you know someone who is housebound, in a nursing home or hospital, please give the details to Sue so that we can arrange a visit.

**Camp Unity 2024 is looking for enthusiastic Youth Leaders aged 18 - 24 for our primary school multi-faith children's Camp starting on 18th August to 23rd August.** We run fun filled activities, arts and crafts sessions for the children and you will have to stay on the campsite for the week with them. It is a paid role and you have to attend the training session on Sunday 30th June from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Please fill out the form on this link : <https://forms.gle/UaVh2ffYgVvdHrz19> or contact Kashif Merchant on mobile 07958 276011 and email [campunityborehamwood@gmail.com](mailto:campunityborehamwood@gmail.com).

**St Teresa's church is monitored by CCTV cameras 24 hours a day. Live streaming of all services takes place at St Teresa's and SS John Fisher & Thomas More. These can be viewed at [www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood](http://www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood) or through the link on our website**

**FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.**

### ZOOM into Bible Study with Fr Fidelis ,

Thursdays 7-8pm: Use the following details:  
Meeting ID: 914 738 2169. Passcode: 12345



There won't be a waiting room so straightforward to join.

## GENERAL ELECTION 2024

The Cardinal has recently sent this message to the Clergy and we thought that it may be helpful to share his thoughts with you all. "How do we seek to construct a society in which families can flourish? That's the bedrock - many positive things flow from that. There are many good resources that offer guidance on seven key topics of interest to Catholics. The information and guidance can be found on the Bishop's Conference website at [cbcew.org.uk/election24/](http://cbcew.org.uk/election24/) covering the following areas: Criminal Justice Domestic poverty, family life and taxation Education Environment International relations, human rights and peacebuilding Life Issues Migration Please look at these resources, explore them and become a bit more familiar with them so that when it comes the election you've got in your mind what you want to see the next government strive to achieve. My view is that our next government should strive to create the circumstances in which families can flourish.

### REPOSITION

O sacrament most holy,  
O Sacrament divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving,  
be every moment thine! (x3)

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND



Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

### PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
where there is injury, pardon,  
where there is doubt, faith,  
where there is despair, hope,  
where there is darkness, light,  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life